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GRIMSBY PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, acting as the Port Health Authority.

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year 1965. It is made in accordance with the Regulations of the Ministry of Health which prescribe the duties of the Medical Officer of Health.

1. Constitution of the Port Health Authority.

The Port Health Authority consists of the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Grimsby, acting by the Council.

2. Limits of jurisdiction.

The jurisdiction of the said Port Health Authority shall extend to as much of the said port as abuts upon the County Borough of Grimsby, as extended by the Grimsby Extension and Improvement Act, 1889, together with the waters of the said Port within such limits, and the place, or places, for the time being appointed as the Customs Boarding Station or Stations for such part of the said Port, and every other place for the time being appointed for the mooring or anchoring of ships for such part of the said Port, under any Regulation for the prevention of the spread of diseases issued under the Authority of the Statutes in that behalf, and the docks, basins, harbours, creeks, rivers, channels, roads, bays and streams belonging to that part of the said Port for which such Authority is constituted as aforesaid.

3. General description of the port.

Dock dimensions:-

Water area	138 acres
Length of quays	6 miles

Facilities and equipment:-

One graving dock up to 450 feet long.

Three slipways comprising:-

- (a) Two berths for trawlers of up to 1,200 tons gross weight.
- (b) One berth for trawlers of up to 1,080 tons gross weight.
- (c) Seven berths for trawlers of up to 660 tons gross weight.

Twenty-nine electric and hydraulic cranes, 3-15 tons capacity

Two mobile diesel cranes, 10 tons capacity.

Electric sheer-legs, 60 tons.

The docks are operated by the British Transport Docks Board and are five in number. At present the Alexandra Dock is only being used to a limited extent and solely for the discharge of occasional cargoes of timber. Work will shortly commence on the provision of one additional timber discharging berth which, it is anticipated, will be ready for use by the middle of 1967.

The Royal Dock is available for all classes of general cargo. Extensive alterations have been completed on the west side of this dock and excellent facilities for the handling of most types of cargo are available. On the east side work is progressing in connection with the provision of a roll on - roll off service between Grimsby and Esbjerg. This work will be completed and the service is expected to be inaugurated by December, 1966.

Commercial docks

Regular services are maintained between Grimsby and continental ports. There has been a marked increase in the amount of frozen food imported through Grimsby. This food comes from Scandinavian countries, Iceland, Greenland, Canada and occasionally from Mediterranean countries. When the Grimsby/Esbjerg roll on - roll off service gets under way, it is probable that Grimsby will be the largest bacon importing centre in the country.

Fish docks

There are three fish docks and the facilities available for the landing of fish and the maintenance of trawlers are said to be among the finest in the world. The value of the annual landing of fish at Grimsby exceeds that of any other port in the country.

The fish market provides 314,750 square feet of covered area and approximately one mile of quay affords discharging facilities for sixty-six trawlers. The quantity of fish landed daily ranges from as low as four or five hundred tons during the winter months to as high as a thousand tons during the summer months.

A summary of the fishing vessels operating from Grimsby at the close of the year 1965 is as follows:-

<u>Type of vessel</u>	<u>No.</u>
Over 140 ft. in length	60 *
130 - 140 ft. in length	40
120 - 130 ft. in length	8
110 - 120 ft. in length	13
100 - 110 ft. in length	19
Under 100 ft. in length	3
Motor seiners	106
Inshore vessels	11
TOTAL	260

I greatly appreciate the willing co-operation invariably received from the officers of H. M. Customs, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Immigration Officer and the officials of the British Transport Docks Board.

On behalf of the staff and myself, I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their sympathetic consideration of all matters relating to the health of the port.

ROBERT GLENN

Medical Officer of Health

Port Health Offices,
Fish Dock Road,
Grimsby.

January, 1966

* Includes 4 freeze-at-sea trawlers

TABLE A

Name of officer	Mature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
F. W. WARD	Clerk to the Port Health Authority	1.1.59	LL.M.	Clerk to the County Borough of Grimsby
ROBERT GLENN	Port Medical Officer	1.8.53	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health to the County Borough of Grimsby
S. R. W. MOORE	Deputy Port Medical Officer	17.10.60 (resigned) (11.12.65)	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.	Deputy Medical Officer of Health to the County Borough of Grimsby
JOHN D. SYME, O.B.E.	Chief Port Health Inspector	1.10.45	Ø Ø Ø	
T. C. CORMACK	Deputy Chief Port Health Inspector	1.1.48	Ø Ø Ø	
D. St. J. FROST	Assistant Port Health Inspector	4.5.64	Ø Ø	
J. SUNLEY	Rat Searcher and Catcher	4.3.46		
D. C. CROSS	Office Clerk	1.4.49		
Ø Ø Ø	Holds B.O.T. Master's Certificate and Certificates of the Royal Society of Health as a Public Health Inspector & as an Inspector of Meat & Other Foods			
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Address and Telephone Number of the Medical Officer of Health

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SECTION II - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
FOREIGN:-					
Steamers	25	23,963	-	26	-
Motor vessels .	528	280,925	6	502	-
Fishing vessels	858	218,339	-	151	-
TOTAL FOREIGN	1,411	523,227	6	679	-
COASTWISE:-					
Steamers	4	3,153	-	4	-
Motor vessels .	461	109,160	5	279	-
Fishing vessels	4,767	313,306	4	89	-
TOTAL COASTWISE	5,232	425,619	9	372	-
TOTAL FOREIGN AND COASTWISE	6,643	948,846	15	1,051	-

The nationalities of the vessels inspected and re-inspected during the year were as follows:-

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>inspected</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>re-inspected</u>
British	330	3
Dutch	186	-
German	161	-
Norwegian	143	-
Danish	105	-
Swedish	27	-
Finnish	25	-
Icelandic	20	-
Russian	11	-
Japanese	11	1
Greek	9	-
Faroese	6	-
Panamanian	4	-
U.S.A.	4	-
Polish	3	-
Spanish	3	-
French	1	-
Israeli	1	-
Canadian	1	-
	1,051	4

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

(a) Passenger traffic during the year

	<u>Alien</u>	<u>British</u>	<u>Commonwealth</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number of passengers INWARD	781	376	9	1,166
Number of passengers OUTWARD ...	874	461	15	1,350

(b) Cargo traffic

The following tables indicate the description and quantities, in tons, of the principal imports and exports during the year 1965 as compared with 1964.

Principal imports

<u>Import</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>
	Tons	Tons
Fish	243,646	234,162
Woodpulp	165,095	155,178
Timber	123,988	147,748
Other foodstuffs	108,114	83,048
Petroleum	58,011	60,515
Dairy produce	49,819	46,077
Iron & steel	39,607	33,324
Other manufactured goods	17,304	14,545
Fruit & vegetables	14,057	15,912
Other basic materials ..	8,349	7,224
Miscellaneous	415	401
TOTALS	828,405	798,134

Fish landings

243,646 tons of fish were landed at Grimsby during the year. Of this quantity, 190,746 tons were landed at the Grimsby fish market. The following table provides a comparison between the weight and value of the fish landed at the fish market during 1965 and the weights and values landed in previous years.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Landings</u>	<u>Weight in Cwts.</u>	<u>Value</u>
1965	5,972	3,814,910	£16,378,752
1964	6,061	3,751,124	£15,832,020
1963	5,369	3,779,471	£14,533,952
1962	5,618	3,802,888	£13,528,279
1961	6,247	3,544,054	£13,929,674

Principal exports

<u>Export</u>	<u>1965</u> Tons	<u>1964</u> Tons
Iron & steel	39,271	28,406
Cereals	28,434	25,543
Chemicals	24,589	28,106
Other manufactured goods ...	11,664	10,533
Other foodstuffs	11,073	4,031
Machinery	7,352	6,923
Basic materials	6,607	4,772
Vehicles	3,399	4,343
Miscellaneous	2,505	2,094
TOTALS	<u>134,894</u>	<u>114,751</u>

(c) Principal ports from which ships arrive:-

Belgium:	Antwerp, Ghent, Ostend.
Canada:	Clark City, Harbour Grace.
Denmark:	Copenhagen, Esbjerg, Holbek, Kolding, Nykobing, Odense, Særkjøbing.
Faroës:	Midvaag, Thorshavn.
Finland:	Abo, Hamina, Haukipudas, Kemi, Kaskoe, Kotka, Lulea, Mantyluoto, Raifso, Rauno, Toppila, Tornio, Turku, Uleaborg, Yxpila, Walkom.
France:	Bordeaux, Boulogne, Caen, Calais, Cherbourg, Dieppe, Dunkirk, Honfleur, Paris, Rouen, Treport.
Germany:	Cuxhaven, Hamburg, Wismar, Wilhelmshaven.
Greenland:	Godthaab.
Holland:	Amsterdam, Delfzyl, Dordrecht, Groningen, Rotterdam, Zaandam.
Iceland:	Keflavik, Reykjavik.
Norway:	Aalesund, Arendal, Bergen, Frederikstad, Jossingfjord, Kragero, Larvik, Porsgrund, Skien, Trondhjem, Tvedistrand.
Poland:	Gdansk, Szczecin.
Portugal:	Lisbon.
Russia:	Archangel, Igarka, Kem, Kovda, Leningrad.
Sweden:	Blankaholm, Bolsta, Christinehamn, Gothenborg, Gefle, Hallstana, Hernosand, Kalmar, Karlshamn, Karlskrona, Mariestad, Norrköping, Oskarshamn, Pitea, Solvesborg, Stockholm, Uddevalla, Västervik.

SECTION IV - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

Trade is confined chiefly to Hull, Goole, York, Nottingham, Leeds and Keadby, and other places in the rivers Humber and Trent.

Public Health Act, 1936, Part X
and the Canal Boats Regulations, 1878

Inspection of canal boats

Most of the canal boats entering Grimsby are regular traders to the port. During the year, 35 inspections were carried out.

<u>Defective conditions & contraventions</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Registration certificate not on board	10	4
Registration certificate not identifying owner with boat	2	-
Cabin in a defective condition	2	1
Cabin in a dirty condition	1	1
Cabin required re-painting	4	3
Cabin inadequately ventilated	1	-

Generally speaking, the crew accommodation on board these canal boats is maintained in a satisfactory condition and the defects noted are usually remedied by the service of informal notices.

No case of infectious disease occurred on any of the canal boats.

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

Water supplied by the North East Lincolnshire Water Board is available throughout the port area.

Commercial docks

Drinking water is available from hydrants at all berths in the Royal Dock. Samples of this water are submitted regularly for bacteriological examination and reports have been satisfactory in every case.

The hoses used for delivering water to shipping are flushed through before each use and the nozzles are washed thoroughly. When not in use, the hoses and other equipment are kept under lock and key in a dry, clean compartment.

During August, 1965, a complaint was lodged with this Authority by the crew of M/V Karel, concerning the drinking water on board that vessel.

On the advice of this Authority, the fresh water tanks were emptied, filled with chlorinated water, emptied again and finally refilled with pure fresh water. Samples of this water were found to be satisfactory and there were no further complaints.

Fish docks

An adequate supply of drinking water is available at all berths in the fish docks from hydrants situated on the quayside. As these hydrants are liable to contamination from filth washed from the floor of the fish market, they are protected by screw-on covers which are attached to the hydrant by means of a chain.

Fish market

On the fish market the water for cleansing purposes is obtained by gravitation from the 30,000 gallon storage tank situated in the dock tower. This tank is kept supplied with water which is pumped from the Royal Dock and an efficient chlorination system ensures freedom from contamination.

The number of delivery points are adequate and, generally speaking, the supply of water is sufficient. Samples of this water are taken at regular intervals and submitted for bacteriological examination and in every instance the results have been satisfactory. This system of water supply is, of course, entirely separate from the drinking water supply.

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1952

(1) List of infected areas

Each week, five copies of the relevant section of the Ministry of Health Weekly Record of Quarantinable Diseases are prepared. Three copies are delivered to H. M. Customs and one copy to the office of the local pilotage service.

(2) Radio messages

(a) By arrangement with Humber Radio.

(b) Authority has been given to eighteen firms to act as approved agents. Messages are forwarded to the Health Department during office hours, or to the Port Medical Officer at his private residence (Telephone Grimsby 78833), or to the Deputy Port Medical Officer at his private residence, or to the Ambulance Station (Telephone Grimsby 55055). The latter have the responsibility of contacting a medical officer of the department.

(3) Notifications otherwise than by radio

Messages are received by telephone from H. M. Inspector of Customs and Excise or from H. M. Immigration Officer.

(4) Mooring stations

(a) Within the docks:-

A mooring buoy in the Royal Dock.

(b) Outside the docks:-

In the river (i) off Burcom Buoy
 (ii) off Sunk Spit Buoy

(5) Arrangements for:-

(a) Hospital accommodation for infectious diseases
(other than smallpox - see Section VII)

All cases of infectious diseases landed or occurring in the Port Health district would be admitted to the Springfield Hospital, Scartho, Grimsby.

(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts

The surveillance and follow up of contacts would be undertaken by the Chief Port Health Inspector and his staff, under the direct supervision of the Port Medical Officer.

(c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles

The cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles would also be carried out by the Chief Port Health Inspector and his staff, who would have available in addition the disinfection facilities at the Springfield Hospital.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

- (1) The isolation hospital to which cases of smallpox are sent from the district is:-

Hallwood Hospital,
Chapelton,
Near Sheffield.

- (2) The transport of cases of smallpox occurring in the Port Health district would be carried out by the Ambulance Service of the Grimsby local Health Authority. The Medical Officer of Health is responsible to that Authority for this service and for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews. The latter is kept up-to-date.

- (3) The names of smallpox consultants available are as follows:-

Dr. John Glen

- (4) Specimens for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox would be sent to either of the following:-

The Department of Bacteriology,
University of Liverpool,
Medical School,
Ashton Street,
Liverpool, 3.

or

The Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale Avenue,
London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - VENEREAL DISEASE

Every vessel entering the port of Grimsby is boarded by an inspector who enquires into the occurrence of venereal disease on board. Any person suffering from this disease is advised to attend the Special Treatment Centre in Queen Street for treatment and for advice as to the method of obtaining further treatment at other ports and in other countries. Booklets pointing out the dangers of delay and neglect and giving details of the hours of attendance and the location of the Special Treatment Centre are placed on board vessels as necessary.

The Special Treatment Centre is open from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. every weekday except Saturday, when it is closed at 12.30 p.m., and particulars of the examination and treatment of seamen during the year 1965 are as follows:-

	<u>British</u> <u>seamen</u>	<u>Foreign</u> <u>seamen</u>	<u>Total</u>
Found to be suffering from:-			
Syphilis	6	4	10
Chancroid	-	-	-
Gonorrhoea	33	13	46
Other conditions	78	67	145
Total number of patients examined	117	84	201
Total number of attendances	356	216	572

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year		No. of ships concerned
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been dis- posed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA
IN SHIPS

- Nil returns -

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH
OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

- Nil returns -

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

All vessels arriving from foreign ports are examined by the rat searcher for evidence of rat infestation.

The bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents is undertaken by the Department of Pathology, Grimsby General Hospital.

The deratting of ships is carried out by trapping, poisoning or by fumigating. H.C.N. is the fumigant in general use. The method adopted depends on the severity of the infestation and other circumstances. Contractors based at Hull undertake the deratting of ships and the work is carried out under the supervision of the staff of this Authority.

The inspectors and the rat searcher endeavour to secure the efficient rat-proofing of vessels where necessary and special attention is paid to store-rooms, food lockers and linings.

It was not found necessary to carry out fumigation of any vessel for rat infestation during the year, which indicates a most satisfactory state of affairs as far as vessels using this port are concerned.

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year

Category	Number		
	In ships from foreign ports	In trawlers & coastwise ships	In docks, quays, wharves and warehouses
Black rats	10	-	-
Brown rats	-	-	475 *
Species not known ..	-	-	-
Sent for examination	-	-	-
Infected with plague	-	-	-

* Includes the return rendered to this Authority by the ratcatcher employed by the British Transport Docks Board

In addition, 715 mice were destroyed during the year

TABLE F

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates
issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

No. of Deratting Certificates issued					Number of Deratting Exemption Certif- icates issued	Total Certif- icates issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total		
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state) (method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
-	-	-	-	-	70	70

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Prevention of Damage by Pests

(Application to Shipping) Order, 1951

- Nil returns -

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections	Notices served		Result of serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other $\emptyset$ Notices	
British cargo vessels 97	-	4	4 complied with
Foreign cargo vessels 714	-	5	2 " "
British fishing vessels 233	-	42	36 " "
Foreign fishing vessels 7	-	3	2 " "
TOTALS 1,051	-	54	44 " "

$\emptyset$ Includes verbal notices

SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH)
REGULATIONS, 1934 AND 1948

There are no shell-fish layings within the jurisdiction of this Authority.

Mussels are imported principally from Denmark and samples from each consignment of imported mussels are submitted for bacteriological examination. Where the report of the bacteriologist indicates deterioration in the state of cleanliness of the mussels, subsequent consignments from the beds concerned are detained pending receipt of the bacteriologist's report. No unsatisfactory reports were received during the year.

Generally speaking, the situation in respect of imported mussels gives no ground for concern. During the winter months the imports of these shell-fish are in the form of bagged live mussels but during the warmer months of the year the mussels are shelled and packed in tins containing a solution of vinegar or acetic acid.

Occasionally very small consignments of tinned smoked mussels are imported but here again no unsatisfactory report has resulted from the submission of samples for examination

During the year 1,024 tons of mussels were imported through Grimsby.

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

- (1) The following is a list of the medical inspectors of aliens:-

Dr. R. Glenn
 Dr. S. R. W. Moore (resigned 11.12.65)
 Dr. J. G. J. Coghill (retired 31.10.65)
 Dr. J. Buckingham

- (2) No other staff is engaged on this work

- (3) The majority of arrivals are in the early hours of Sunday morning, which necessitates week-end duty, and this work is shared by the panel of four medical inspectors. Usually the medical inspector visits the ship with H. M. Immigration Officer.

- (4) Approximately two-thirds of the aliens arriving are visitors. The following details will show the amount of alien traffic that occurred during 1965:-

(a) Number of vessels carrying alien passengers which arrived at the port	285
(b) Number of vessels carrying alien passengers which required the attendance of the medical inspector of aliens	96
(c) Number of aliens inspected	292
(d) Number of aliens who were subjected to a detailed medical examination	25

- (5) Accommodation on board ship is sometimes utilised for medical inspection and examination, as well as the medical inspection room in the Port Health Authority building.

- (6) During the year 9 persons were dealt with under the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962.

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons
who have died on board ship from infectious disease

In the case of major infectious disease, this would be carried out by trained personnel either of the local health authority or the Springfield Hospital, who have been adequately protected by inoculation. Once the body of the deceased had been effectively sealed in a coffin the future arrangements would be delegated to a commercial undertaker.

RODENT CONTROL

Fishing vessels

During the year, one case of rat infestation in a trawler was reported and dealt with conclusively. This was in a foreign trawler visiting the port for overhaul. No further infestation occurred in any trawler based on Grimsby.

District

It can again be reported that the district was free from any serious infestation by rats during the year under review. There has been an increase in the number of minor infestations by mice but all these have been dealt with satisfactorily.

The possibility of mice being carried from store to store or even from town to town as a result of the general adoption of the palletised system of transporting rodent attractive foods, cannot be ruled out.

CREW ACCOMMODATION

Merchant vessels

The general improvement in the standard of living accommodation in the merchant vessels visiting this port has already been commented upon in previous reports. This improvement has been maintained during the year under review.

No difficulty has been experienced in securing the implementation of the inspectors' recommendations concerning any unsatisfactory features noted in the course of inspections. Whenever it has been found necessary to communicate with the owners of vessels, immediate co-operation has usually been forthcoming.

The almost complete absence of insect vermin continues to form one of the most encouraging aspects of the existing situation.

Fishing vessels

The general standard of maintenance in the crew accommodation of fishing vessels based on Grimsby continues to be very high.

The presence of insect or rodent vermin in Grimsby fishing vessels is now very exceptional indeed.

Details of defective conditions and nuisances found and remedied on shipping entering the port during the year were as follows:-

Defect or nuisance	Cargo vessels		Trawlers	
	Found	Remedied	Found	Remedied
<u>Defective conditions</u>				
Floors	-	-	2	2
Food stores	1	1	1	1
Galley stoves	1	1	1	1
Heating facilities	1	-	2	1
Sanitary accommodation	9	2	7	6
Slop sinks	1	-	-	-
Washing facilities	1	1	-	-
<u>Dirty conditions</u>				
Quarters	3	1	32	25
Beds	-	-	40	40
Bunks	23	23	393	367
Food stores	5	5	22	16
Galleys	3	2	20	16
Lockers	23	23	219	192
Messrooms	3	2	30	24
Sanitary accommodation	34	34	74	74
Verminous quarters	-	-	1	1
Food pest infestations	3	3	-	-
Other nuisances	1	1	-	-

FOOD INSPECTION

Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 - 1948Inspection of fish

The amount of fish landed from fishing vessels at the Grimsby fish market during the year was 190,746 tons, representing a value of £16,378,752.

In addition, 52,900 tons of fish, imported from other countries, was landed at the commercial docks. All fish landed was subjected to routine inspection by the food inspectors and the quantities and description of fish found to be unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs	Stns
Cod	691	12	3	1
Haddock	551	7	3	1
Coalfish	118	2	3	1
Norway haddock	82	18	0	1
Catfish	53	11	1	0
Dogfish	34	3	3	0
Plaice	17	15	0	0
Tusk	12	18	1	1
Lemon sole	7	12	1	1
Mock halibut	3	12	2	0
Whiting	3	4	3	1
Ling	2	6	1	0
Dab	2	2	2	1
Skate	2	2	0	1
Megrim	2	0	1	0
Halibut		15	1	0
Mackerel		8	3	0
Witch		7	2	0
Roe		6	1	0
Monk		6	1	0
Hake		2	1	0
 TOTAL	 1,587	 17	 1	 1

or 25,406 x 10 st. kits

Inspection of fish (continued)

Year	Nationality	Weight in tons		%
		Landed	Condemned	
1961	British	134,482	1,816	1.35
	Foreign	42,721	1,238	2.90
	TOTAL	177,203	3,054	1.72
1962	British	151,758	2,003	1.32
	Foreign	35,737	940	2.63
	TOTAL	187,495	2,943	1.57
1963	British	159,676	2,002	1.25
	Foreign	29,298	726	2.48
	TOTAL	188,974	2,728	1.44
1964	British	153,549	1,618	1.05
	Foreign	34,007	432	1.27
	TOTAL	187,556	2,050	1.09
1965	British	164,983	1,162	.70
	Foreign	25,763	426	1.65
	TOTAL	190,746	1,588	.83

Inspection of other foodstuffs

The under mentioned quantities of other foodstuffs were landed at the commercial docks during the year and routine inspection was carried out under the above Regulations:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs	Lbs
Bacon	60,202	5	0	14
Butter	40,494	16	1	23
Vegetables	11,340	0	1	26
Cheese	5,924	9	1	23
Offal	4,746	9	1	5
Poultry	3,960	3	3	13
Fish preserves	934	18	3	13
Conserves	821	14	0	12
Meat & meat products	607	17	0	24
Lard	345	19	1	21
Fruit	216	10	2	9
Milk & cream	202	7	2	27
Wines & spirits	59	14	2	2
Cereals	29	8	0	0
Ships stores	19	17	3	21
Horseraddish	2	12	3	12
Bread	1	4	2	6
Salami	1	4	1	18
Eggs		12	3	5
Prepared meals		2	1	11
Salad cream			3	16
Caviare			2	1
	<u>129,912</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>22</u>

Details of foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption were as follows:-

	Cwts	Qtrs	Lbs
Butter	5	3	14
Brussels sprouts	2	1	0

Food and Drugs Act, 1955Inspection of fish

Details of fish condemned ex rail, overland etc., during the year under the above mentioned Act, were as follows:-

	Tons	Cwts	Qtrs	Stns
Haddock	13	14	2	0
Dogfish	5	5	0	1
Prawn	3	0	3	1
Skate	1	17	3	1
Cod	1	11	1	0
Whiting	1	3	0	1
Mackerel		19	2	0
Coalfish		14	3	0
Lemon sole		12	0	0
Catfish		9	2	0
Herring		8	0	1
Norway haddock		5	0	0
Monk		2	2	1
Megrim		2	2	0
Dab		2	1	0
Plaice		1	3	0
Halibut		1	2	0
Fish sticks		1	0	0
Cured fish			3	1
Tusk			3	0
Roe			1	0
	30	15	0	1

Inspection of other foodstuffs

The quantities and description of other foodstuffs condemned during the year, under the above Act, were as follows:-

	Cwts	Qtrs	Lbs
Miscellaneous groceries	6	0	20
Confectionery	1	2	24
Fruit	1	2	0
Ghee	1	1	4
Ham			22
Vegetables			7
Corned beef			6
Steak			6

Disposal of condemned food

All fish condemned by this Authority was disposed of to the fish meal factory. Other condemned foodstuffs were either destroyed or sent for conversion to animal feeding stuffs.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955
Public Health (Preservatives &c., in Food)
Regulations, 1925 - 48
Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 - 48

Particulars concerning samples of foodstuffs submitted to the public analyst under the above Regulations are detailed below:-

<u>Nature of sample</u>	<u>Result of examination</u>
Smoked mussels	Satisfactory
Dressed crab (1)	"
" " (2)	"
Hot dog sausages	"
Peeled shrimps	"
* Cod (1)	"
" (2)	"
" (3)	"
" (4)	"
" (5)	"
Haddock (1)	"
" (2)	"
Coalfish	"

Public Health (Imported Milk) Regulations, 1926

It has not been found necessary to take any action under these Regulations during the year.

- * During the year antibiotics were used in trawler ice to secure an improvement in the quality of the first caught fish. Samples of fish from trawlers using antibiotic ice were submitted regularly for analysis but in no case was the amount of antibiotics above the permitted levels.

The following are among the samples of foodstuffs submitted for bacteriological examination:-

<u>Nature of sample</u>	<u>Result of examination</u>
Frozen peeled prawns)	
Frozen whole prawns .)	
Frozen peeled shrimps)	* See notes below
Frozen crab meat)	
Frozen fish cakes ...)	
Chicken thighs	Satisfactory
Chicken breasts	"
Chicken wings	"
Meat balls	"
Pork chops	"
Steak & kidney patties	"
Hamburgers	"
Hot dog sausages	"
Pork pies	"
Porklets	"
Cod roe sausages	"
Soft herring roes	"
Mussels	"
Tomatoes	"
Beef in gravy	"
Ice cream	"
Sausage meat	"
Beef & potato pies	"
Roast beef	"
Roast beef meals	** (Unsatisfactory
Steak & kidney meals	(Unsatisfactory
Sausage & mash meals	Satisfactory
Steak & kidney pies	"

* The quantity of foodstuffs landed in Grimsby increases year by year. A considerable proportion of the food is pre-packed and demands constant vigilance, particularly in the case of such foods as frozen peeled prawns, which are ready for consumption after thawing.

1,278 tons of frozen prawns were landed in Grimsby during the year and by far the greater part of this amount consisted of peeled prawns. Samples were submitted regularly for bacteriological examination and 487 stones of peeled prawns were condemned. One warning letter was sent to the exporter in the country of origin.

** A quantity of roast beef meals and steak & kidney meals were disposed of for animal feeding stuffs.

DISTRICT - GENERAL CONDITIONS

Fish docks

The practice of fitting out seine net vessels for winter sprat fishing continues to find favour. During 1965, approximately 4,600 tons of sprats were landed by these vessels. The sprats are discharged into road vehicles by mechanical probes and conveyors and thus far no nuisance has been caused.

The number of "freeze at sea" trawlers operating from Grimsby increases year by year and it appears certain that additional berths for discharging these vessels will soon be necessary. It is probable that the area made available by the demolition of the coal hoists in No. 3 Fish Dock will be utilised for this purpose. The frozen fish is discharged by means of conveyors and mobile cranes on to road vehicles and thence to cold store.

Roadways etc.

The vehicular roadways throughout the dock area are maintained in an excellent state of repair.

The abolition of practically all the fish trains from Grimsby has rendered possible the lifting of certain sections of the track. It is anticipated that in the near future the tracks running parallel with Fish Dock Road will be lifted and then replaced by a made up roadway. Such a roadway would serve to relieve the traffic congestion in Fish Dock Road.

The system of rubbish collection by mobile containers continues successfully and no complaints have been received by this Authority in respect of any nuisance being caused.

Public conveniences

The public conveniences situated within the dock area are of modern design and construction and are maintained in a clean and hygienic state.

Fish processing premises and factories

No noteworthy change has taken place during the year as far as these premises are concerned. A regular system of inspection is maintained and every endeavour made to ensure that a satisfactory standard of hygiene is observed.

Extension of roadway and drainage facilities in the area to the eastward of Humber Bridge Road and No. 3 Fish Dock is being carried out. When completed, this work will provide for the further development of this area. Additional access will be available and it is anticipated that a one-way traffic flow will be possible.

Commercial docks

Work is proceeding on the provision of a berth and other facilities in connection with the proposed "roll on - roll off" service between Esbjerg and Grimsby. This service is intended for the transportation of bacon.

All the demolition in connection with this project has now been completed and it is anticipated that the service will commence towards the end of 1966.

Offensive trades

Fish curing and the manufacture of fish oil are the scheduled offensive trades carried on within the port health area. The premises concerned have been kept under supervision by the port health staff during the year.

Canteens, cafes etc.

There are a large number of canteens, cafes, tea shops etc., situated within the dock area. These premises are inspected periodically by an inspector of this Authority and a reasonable standard of hygiene is maintained.

DISTRICT - INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS

During the year, the following inspections and re-inspections of factories and other premises etc., were carried out under the appropriate Acts and Regulations:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-inspections</u>
Factories with power	101	54
Factories without power	62	25
Fish processing factories	80	76
Fish curing factories	93	84
Workplaces and offices	147	82
Canteens, cafes etc.	105	109
Shops (no food)	13	9
Public conveniences	56	25
Streets, drains, refuse bins ...	40	40
TOTALS	697	504

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

During the year the compilation of a register giving particulars of all premises within the district falling within the provisions of the above Act was completed. It was difficult to proceed further until responsibility for the administration of the Act throughout the dock area had finally been established.

Towards the end of October, the line of demarcation between the areas to be administrated by H. M. Inspector of Factories and the Port Health Authority was agreed upon. During the remainder of the year work has been proceeding with the full inspection of the premises situated within the area of this Authority.

DISTRICT - SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

During the year, 377 informal notices were served on owners or occupiers. It was not found necessary to take any legal proceedings. The following table shows the defects and nuisances found and remedied:-

Defect or nuisance	Found	Remedied
<u>General</u>		
Defective or inadequate:-		
Ceilings	63	50
Doors	19	13
Floors	43	24
Heating & hot water facilities	9	7
Lighting - artificial	39	20
Refuse storage	1	1
Roofs & eaves gutters	24	20
Sinks & wash basins	30	22
Storerooms & messrooms	13	9
Skylights	4	4
Stairways	22	10
Tables & counters	31	31
Ventilation	8	4
Walls	97	57
Windows	76	47
Yards, outbuildings etc. ...	5	3
Accumulations of refuse	26	26
Other nuisances	13	5
<u>Drainage</u>		
Defective	33	26
Inadequate	1	1
<u>Sanitary accommodation</u>		
Defective	48	27
Dirty	66	54
Inadequate	3	3

FISH MARKET - GENERAL CONDITIONS

It is planned to provide one additional discharging berth at Henderson Jetty for a conventional distant water trawler. A number of fish merchants are at present carrying on business at Henderson Jetty and it will be necessary to find accommodation for these merchants elsewhere on the market.

It is proposed to concentrate the sale of overland fish on Chapman Jetty and this also may result in the displacement of a number of fish merchants.

The Clean Air Act, 1956, and
The Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods)(Vessels) Regulations, 1958

Generally speaking, no difficulty is experienced in the administration of these Acts and Regulations.

There are still two oil burning tugs operating in the Royal Dock but diesel engined replacements will be arriving in the near future.

The vast majority of the vessels entering Grimsby are diesel engined but occasional emissions of black smoke occur from oil or coal burning vessels. Representation to the master of the vessel concerned has invariably produced satisfactory results.

Probably the most consistent source of trouble as far as these Regulations are concerned has been the emission of smoke from vessels berthed at the North Quay, No. 3 Fish Dock, awaiting high water. A great many of these vessels are oil burners and when boilers are started up from cold a certain amount of smoke emission appears to be inevitable and this has resulted in a number of complaints being made to this Authority.

A careful watch has been and is being kept on the situation and as a general rule the superintendent engineers of the firms concerned make every effort to minimise this smoke emission from the trawlers in their charge.

FISH MARKET - INSPECTIONS AND RE-INSPECTIONS

The following inspections and re-inspections were carried out on the fish market during the year:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-inspections</u>
Fish merchants' stands	570	474
Fish merchants' box stores ..	645	28
Fish merchants' offices	1	-
Fresh water hydrants & taps .	266	3
Sanitary accommodation	60	23
TOTALS	<u>1,542</u>	<u>528</u>

FISH MARKET - SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

The following defects and nuisances were found and remedied:-

Defect or nuisance	Found	Remedied
Defective or dirty:-		
Box lofts	32	30
Fish bins	71	54
Fish boxes	60	60
Fish market floor	28	25
Fish market offices	1	-
Fish market stands	69	63
Fish market stairways	1	-
Fresh water hydrants	2	-
Roofs & eaves gutters	5	2
Sanitary accommodation	24	18
Utensils	726	696
Vehicles	5	5
Maggott infestations	1	1
Smoke nuisance	8	8
Offensive accumulations	7	7
Other nuisances	17	17
Dock beams, roadways and railway sidings foul with offal etc., were cleansed periodically during the year		

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

Particulars of inspections and defects found and remedied during 1965

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by public health inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	82	323	2	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies:- (a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938	253	90	1	-
(b) Others	-	-	-	-
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	335	413	3	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	By H.M. Inspector		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)		(5)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	148	116	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	3	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	13	13	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	1	1	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	68	50	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	27	22	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework) ..					
TOTALS	261	203	-	1	-

WELFARE WORK

Medical services

I am indebted to the Grimsby Fish Docks Medical Services Committee for the following information and figures:-

"The following services were rendered by the clinic and first aid stations during the year ending 31st December, 1965:-

Clinic

Consultations	866	
Routine examinations ...	2,440	
X-Ray examinations	5	
Cases referred from first aid station	23	
Emergency first aid cases	1,427	
Subsequent attendances .	<u>1,446</u>	6,207

First Aid Station andSubsidiary First Aid Stations

Consultations	1,585	
Subsequent attendances .	<u>838</u>	<u>2,423</u>
		<u>8,630</u>

Medicine chests and first aid boxes of trawlers overhauled during the year numbered 397.

The Medical Officer attended to sick and injured British and foreign seamen on ships in the river on several occasions."

The following information has been supplied by Mr. D. C. F. Carter, of the National Dock Labour Board, and refers to medical and other amenities provided by that Board:-

"Port medical services"

The National Dock Labour Board Grimsby Medical Centre, staffed by two State Registered Nurses provides adequate coverage between the hours of 5.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday.

Training of first aid personnel

The National Dock Labour Board Ambulance Branch maintains the strength of 47 trained dock workers and staff on its register.

The Branch operates first aid classes throughout the winter months and two National Dock Labour Board first aid teams compete in the Grimsby Borough First Aid League and in other national and local competitions.

The week end refresher course for qualified first aiders from the Humber ports was held at Cober Hill, Cloughton, near Scarborough on 20th/21st March, 1965, the Grimsby contingent numbering 26 first aiders and nurses. During the week end a visit was made to Scarborough Hospital where students sat in on three most interesting lectures by consultants of the hospital. The subjects dealt with included haemorrhage, fractures and eye emergencies.

Towards the close of the year, on 5th November, 1965, the Grimsby N.D.L.B. team represented the whole of the N.D.L.B. throughout the country at the St. John's Ambulance Grand Priors Competition at the Seymour Hall, London, W.1., and earned the 6th placing in the competition.

Rehabilitation

During 1965, close co-operation between the N.D.L.B., hospital authorities and local medical practitioners resulted in some 35 dock workers undergoing occupational physiotherapy or remedial exercises at one of the following centres:-

Garston Manor, Watford (Ministry of Health)	5
Manor House Hospital, London	3
Ferriby Lane, Scarthoe, Grimsby	24
Watkin Street Physiotherapy Unit	3
	35

Accident prevention

The N.D.L.B. maintains its policy of full support in the field of accident prevention and in 1965, more than 1,700 pairs of safety gloves were sold and 420 pairs of steel toe cap safety boots were taken by dock workers.

These facilities have contributed in some measure to the reduction in hand and foot injuries in dock work.

First aid magazine

The National Dock Labour Board now produces its own magazine entitled "First Aid on the Docks" for issue three times yearly to first aid workers.

This is a well produced magazine of 24 pages and contains topical first aid items from all ports in the country and is designed to stimulate and encourage first aiders in their work."

